

NDE Bulletin
January 12, 2012

2011-12 ESEA/NCLB APPLICATION DUE FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2012

Contact: Diane Stuehmer (diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov or 402-471-1740) or the NDE Reviewer assigned to your district.

This is a reminder that the 2011-12 ESEA/NCLB application is due to NDE on Friday, January 13, 2012. Any district that is eligible for funds and has not created an application by 11:59 p.m. will be unable to create an application for the current school year. Districts that have consorted all of their funds do NOT need to create an application.

FY 2009 ARRA and NCLB Funding

Contact: Diane Stuehmer (diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov or 402-471-1740) or the NDE Reviewer assigned to your district.

Though Nebraska has received approval to extend the FY 2009 funds for the grant programs listed in the table below until September 30, 2012, NDE is encouraging districts to obligate these funds as soon as possible. A big **thank you** to the districts that have already closed out the grants for these programs. NDE is encouraging districts to spend these funds by the end of March, 2012 if at all possible. This allows ample time to submit expenditures and close out the grant(s) before the end of the school year. Keep in mind that these funds continue to be transparent and use of funds is reported to USDE.

CFDA Number	Name of Program
84.010A	Title I, Part A Grants to Local Education Agencies
84.389A	Title I, Part A Grants to Local Educational Agencies (ARRA)
84.011A	Title I, Part C Migrant Education State Grants
84.144F	Title I, Part C Migrant Education Data Quality Grants
84.011G	Title I, Part C Migrant Education Data Quality Grants
84.367A	Title II, Part A Improving Teacher Quality State Grants
84.318X	Title II, Part D Enhancing Education Through Technology (Ed-Tech) State Program
84.386A	Title II, Part D Enhancing Education Through Technology (Ed-Tech) State Program (ARRA)
84.365A	Title III, Part A English Language State Grants
84.186A	Title IV, Part A Safe and Drug Free Schools and Community Grants

Webinar: "Early Childhood 101: Bringing Together Title I, Head Start, and partners"

Contact: Pat Frost (pat.frost@nebraska.gov) or Eleanor Kirkland (eleanor.kirkland@nebraska.gov)

On January 27, 2012, from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 Central Time, a webinar will be hosted by the Nebraska Department of Education Offices of Early Childhood, Head Start-State Collaboration Office and Federal Programs, Title I entitled "Early Childhood 101: Bringing Together Title I, Head Start, and partners."

The event is open to all school districts and their partners who are currently providing or are interested in developing an early childhood program. Information will include: the definition of an early childhood program; funding/resources used; various regulations/rules; staff qualifications; reporting systems and general timelines.

Due to limited Adobeconnect access, we encourage participants to co-locate if at all possible. Please use the following URL to connect to this event.

<http://nde.adobeconnect.com/r53nixjb39k/>

For additional information, contact pat.frost@nebraska.gov in Title I or eleanor.kirkland@nebraska.gov in the Head Start-State Collaboration Office, NDE Office of Early Childhood.

Due February 1: NeSA-Reading, NeSA-Math, NeSA-Science, and Nebraska Staff and Student Record System (NSSRS)

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov) or the NDE Assessment Office (402-471-2495 or nde.stateassessment@nebraska.gov)

February 1, 2012 is the final day for districts to submit updated Student, School Enrollment, and Special Education Snapshot records via NSSRS prior to that information being delivered to the NeSA vendor. Districts are encouraged to utilize the “NeSA Reading and Math Labels” verification report and the “NeSA Science Labels” verification report to ensure errors are corrected and any necessary changes are made. These verification reports are accessed using the following steps.

- 1) Log into the NDE Portal
- 2) Enter the “NSSRS Validation” system, found on the “Student & Staff (NSSRS)” tab
- 3) Select “Student” from the Verification Reports drop down
- 4) Click the “View Report” link beside “NeSA Reading and Math Labels” or “NeSA Science Labels”, found within the “Assessment” section

In particular, please refer to the “ALT READ” and “ALT MATH” columns on the “NeSA Reading and Math Labels” verification report and the “ALT Science” column on the “NeSA Science Labels” to ensure the students who are to receive alternate assessments are identified. Corrections can be made by submitting changes to Alternate Assessment Flag [Special Education Snapshot:Alternate Assessment (23)].